

## ABSTRACT

A method and apparatus are described for providing a wireless system for placing orders at a vendor transaction facility, for example, a fast food restaurant. A local temporary communications link is established between a personal communications device carried by a customer and a vendor transaction facility and customer ordering is done over the communications link before the customer reaches the vendor facility, so that an order is placed and a transaction completed before the customer reaches the vendor facility. As a result, only order fulfillment is necessary when the customer reaches the vendor facility.